

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 44-46, 62-64, and 66. The Examiner, however, allowed claims 16-25, 27-32, 34-41, 56, 57, 59-61, and 67-69. Applicant canceled claims 1-15, 26, 33, 42, 43, 47-55, 58, and 65 in a previous communication. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the recognition of allowable subject matter in the present claims.

In the Office Action, claims 44-46, 62-64, and 66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Legatt et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,530,821). The Office Action also provided a rejection of claims 62-64 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and objections to claims 44 and 45. Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the present objections and rejections, Applicant recognizes that the Examiner has indicated that all other pending claims are allowed. Accordingly, Applicant has chosen to place the application in condition for allowance by canceling rejected claims 44-46, 62-64, and 66. Applicant has done so without prejudice, as such subject matter may be included in a subsequent continuing application that addresses the Examiner's objections and rejections.

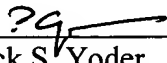
The objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action are believed to be moot in view of the present amendments. Upon entry of the amendments, allowed claims 16-25, 27-32, 34-41, 56, 57, 59-61, and 67-69 will be the only claims that remain pending in the present patent application. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejections, and allowance of all pending claims.

Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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